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STONE TO ADDRESS ASLA FLORIDA MEETING

Edward Durell Stone, FAIA, distinguished architect and author, will deliver the keynote address at the ASLA's 63rd Annual Meeting in Miami Beach next June, according to Frederic B. Stresau (M), program chairman.

Mr. Stone's ability as the architect of the U.S. Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair and of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India, are almost too well known to require introduction.

Theme of the meeting will be "Design in the Sun," and will feature a detailed analysis of the problems and techniques involved in all phases of resort design, to which an entire day of the meeting agenda has been devoted. A boat trip to the man-made islands offshore from the Americana Hotel, which has been chosen as meeting headquarters, is also being arranged for participants.

James E. Voss (M), general chairman, has asked that everyone mark his calendar now for 17-20 June 1962 and plan to attend. He adds: "Contrary to the general conception and the implications of the theme we have selected, June in Florida is definitely not a hot month. Later on, yes, but in June we have beautiful warm--but not uncomfortable--weather."

Other members of the Florida Chapter's Host Committee who support him in this contention are: Robert L. Neal, co-chairman (and president of the Florida Chapter); Donald P. Bowman, treasurer; Frederic B. Stresau, Program Committee; William L. Phillips, Promotion-Registration Committee; W. T. Bradshaw, Professional and Student Exhibit Committee; Porter G. Reynolds, Product Exhibit Committee; Jonathan Seymour, Tours and Transportation Committee; and William Grant, Arrangements Committee.

STATE REGISTRATION FOR PLANNERS?

Concern of the American Institute of Planners over the pros and cons of registration for planners has been brought to light in a recent article in the newsletter of the American Society of Planning Officials.

"Recent impetus for registration," the article says, "has not come just as a 'normal next step' for the profession, but rather as a reaction to two basic problems: determination of professional competence and protection of the planners' right to practice their profession against the counterclaims of other registered professions.

"In the first instance, a growing number of public officials as well as planners are disturbed by the products of unqualified 'planning' practioners. In the second circumstance, some registered professionals have claimed that planners engage in activities in which they are not legally permitted to practice. For example, some engineers and architects claim exclusive competence in the preparation of plans and some lawyers claim that planners are practising law when preparing zoning ordinances."

This all makes excellent sense to us and a similar statement might well be made about landscape architects. Let all those who look toward the future of the profession ponder...and work toward this joint protection for the public and for ourselves.

CONTRACTORS FORM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Formation of the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, Inc., was announced late in September by the organization's new executive director, Kenneth E. Jenner. The group, which will attempt to bring together numerous existing local, state and regional landscape contractors' associations throughout the country, will have its headquarters at 2650 Russell St., Berkeley, California.

Principal backer of the new organization is the California Landscape Contractors Association which is among the largest and most active of state landscape contractors' groups. LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION magazine (formerly LANDSCAPING) has announced that it will become the official publication of the new association.

One of the objectives of the group is to help professional landscape architects locate qualified contractors throughout the country. Membership in the ALCA will not be limited to landscape contractors but will be open to nurseries which perform landscape contractural services.

OUTDOOR LIVING COMPETITION TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY

The Outdoor Living Awards program, sponsored by HOUSE & HOME, TIME and LIFE magazines in cooperation with the ASLA, will be announced in the January issue of HOUSE & HOME. This is a competition of national importance which will have far-reaching effects on public demand for landscape architectural services. Every ASLA member and associate is urged to note carefully this awards program and to participate if possible.

DR. ROBERT C. WEAVER, new Housing and Home Finance Administrator, has presented the American Society of Landscape Architects with a "Certificate of Recognition" for "outstanding service and assistance to the HHFA in the orientation and training of foreign visitors studying under the programs of the U.S. Government and International Organizations." Receiving the certificate in behalf of the ASLA is executive director Lynn M. F. Harriss.

American Academy in Rome Fellowships Announced

The American Academy in Rome has announced its Rome Prize Fellowships for 1962-63. The Fellowships --including several for study in the field of landscape architecture--are awarded on evidence of ability and achievement. Stipends of $3000 per annum go with the Fellowships in addition to free residence and studio at the Academy in Rome. Applications and submissions of work should be sent to the Academy's New York office by December 30, 1961. Inquiries regarding the Fellowships should be addressed to Miss Mary T. Williams, Executive Secretary, American Academy in Rome, 101 Park Avenue, New York 17.

H.R. 10 still lacks o.k.

Although still lacking in final and favorable action during the 87th Congress, H.R. 10 (Keogh)--which would set up the framework for voluntary and tax-deductible pension plans for the self-employed --appears to be gaining steadily growing support, particularly in the Senate. The ASLA is on record in favor of the plan and expects action during the next session of Congress.

Among those who favor support of the concept are Senators Proxmire (D-Wis.), Wiley (R-Wis.), Moss (D-Utah), Capehart (R-Ind.) and Allott (R-Colo) according to the American Thrift Assembly.

recommended reading

PROPERTY TAXATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Effects of the Property Tax on City Growth and Change) by Mary Rawson. Washington: The Urban Land Institute, 1200 18th St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. Price: $2.00 to ULI members; $4.00 to non-members.

A SECRET OF JAPANESE GARDENS by Prof. P. Takuma Tono (ASLA-Cor.) Tokyo: The Mitsuo Onizuka Press. 65 pp. The most outstanding gardens of Japan are shown in this profusely-illustrated pocket-size booklet. Copies $1.00 pp. from Harold Merrill, 5700 32nd St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Williams hits "automobility"

Senator Harrison A. Williams (D-N.J.), author of the $75 million mass transportation program which was approved by Congress earlier this year as part of the 1961 Housing Act, is critical of the concept of "automobility"--the right to drive a car anywhere at any time.

Addressing the American Transit Association in Dallas in October, Senator Williams said that the time may come when it would be necessary to impose tolls on urban highways in order to achieve a balanced system.

"We need a basic highway network to get around in our rapidly expanding urban and metropolitan areas. But when we start building highways with substantially greater capacity than the normal average daytime or nonrush-hour need, we are developing an imbalance which will plague us and our cities for years to come. In other words, if we are going to build almost exclusively for a rush-hour demand, I am convinced that the money would be better spent on transit than on highway. It is inherently more efficient, it has capacity for expansion, it costs less per mile, and it does not clog the central city with cars that must be parked."

new directory out

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials has just released its Housing and Urban Renewal Directory for 1961-62, according to an announcement by John D. Lange, executive director, and Frederick A. Fay, FASLA, member of the Board of Governors. In addition to brief explanation of functions of the various agencies involved, the directory lists the names, addresses and key personnel of official housing agencies under the following headings:

Federal Home Loan Bank Board
Housing and Home Finance Agency
  Public Housing Administration
    Regional Offices and Jurisdictions
  Urban Renewal Administration
  Community Facilities Administration
  Federal Housing Administration
  Federal National Mortgage Administration
Agriculture, Department of
  Cooperative Extension Service
  Forest Service
Air Force, Department of
Army, Department of the
Commerce, Department of
Defense, Department of
Health, Education and Welfare, Dept. of
Labor, Department of
Navy, Department of the
Office of Civil Defense Mobilization
Veterans Administration
Official State Agencies
Canadian Agencies
Unofficial Agencies (National, State and local)
Statistics and Summary Tables

The 282-page directory, well arranged and indexed, should be in the possession of every landscape architect interested in doing work with housing, redevelopment or allied fields and would be valuable to have for reference at every ASLA Chapter headquarters. The directory is available for $4.00 per copy from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, 1313 East 60th St., Chicago 37, Ill.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Recognition of the profession under law through enactment of laws in the states for registering landscape architects is one of the major objectives of the Society. Several states, through the efforts of ASLA Chapters, have enacted laws and now landscape architects can become registered. Unsuccessful efforts have been made in other states.

Now is the time for your Chapter to put the final touches on plans and a program for the opening of of the next session of the legislature in your respective states. Your contacts with other organizations should be renewed so they are acquainted with your plans and thoroughly understand the purposes of your proposed legislation. Persons or groups which might oppose your proposed legislation should be given all possible attention to win over their support or at least prevail upon them not to actively oppose your plans.

If your legislature is already organized and you know the personnel of the committee to which your legislation will be referred for hearings, make their acquaintance. Give these people all the information you can about the profession. The more thoroughly they are informed of the profession, the better the chances are they will support you.

It is important this receive immediate attention to be ready for the forthcoming session of the legislature. IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK!

John I. Rogers

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● WILLIAM J. JOHNSON (M), CLARENCE ROY (?) and John V. Sheoris, AIA, were the recipients of a $2500 award in the Ruberoid Company's third annual Design Competition. The objective of the competitions is to encourage architectural thinking in terms of public interest. "Long-range planning for the medical care facilities in the community" was the theme of this year's contest. Judging was held under the chairmanship of E. Todd Wheeler, FAIA, of the AIA's Committee on Hospitals and Health. Copies of the prize-winning entries can be obtained at $1 each from: Award Brochure, Ruberoid Co., 733 Third Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

● THE ASLA COMMITTEE ON THE WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS has been revived in anticipation of a request for advice from the present chatelaine. Named to serve on the committee by President John I. Rogers (F) were: Leon Zach (F) of Washington, chairman; Michael Rapuano (F) of New York; and Gary Millholland Parker (M) of Washington.

● M. CARLISLE BECKER (ASLA Stud. Affil.) was awarded the American Society of Landscape Architects' Certificate of Merit on his graduation from the University of California last June. The certificate is given to outstanding students for excellence in the study of landscape architecture.

● GORDON G. GEIS (M), executive director of Herbert H. Smith Associates, Trenton, N.J., community planning and urban renewal consultants, has announced the addition of four new staff members. They are: John J. Hornung as assistant director of urban renewal; Thomas J. Michalski as project planner; David L. Collins as staff planner; and Joel Segal as economic research assistant.

● BILLBOARDS: The 87th Congress, in the last throes of its 1961 session, has extended Federal bonus payments of one-half of one per cent to states which ban billboard advertising on highways being constructed under the Federal Highway Program. The bonus extension now expires 1 July 1963. The ASLA had supported the efforts of Sen. Maurine Neuberger to raise the bonus incentive to one percent.

● NEW YORK LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS should be kept busy during 1963 designing sites for exhibitors at the New York World's Fair grounds, scheduled for Flushing Meadow Park during 1964-65. According to a summary of plans for the fair, which will open officially on 22 April 1964, areas leased to exhibitors "must be landscaped if not covered." Robert Moses (ASLA-Hon.), president of the World's Fair Corporation which is sponsoring the event, is already busy with plans for grading, paving, landscaping and installation of fountains and lighting throughout the 646-acre fair site. Estimated attendance for the two-year show is 70 million.

● A SYMPOSIUM IN REGIONAL LANDSCAPE PLANNING, sponsored by the University of Illinois, will be held at Allerton House, Monticello, Illinois, 3-5 November. On the symposium's agenda are lectures and discussions of "The Regional Landscape as a Design and Planning Unit; Problems of Administration and Legislation in the Regional Landscape; Geological Influences on Land Use and Development in the Midwest; and Conservation of Natural Resources in the National Landscape." Among the speakers are Professors Walter M. Keith (M); Brian Hackett and L. B. Wetmore of the University's Department of City Planning and Landscape Architecture.

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CALENDAR

3-5 Nov	Monticello, Ill.: Symposium on Regional Landscape Planning. Allerton House, Univ. of Ill.
14 Nov	Hartford, Conn.: Conn. Chapter (ASLA) Annual Meeting. Shoreham Hotel.
26-30 Nov	Detroit, Mich.: 1961 Conference, American Institute of Planners. Statler-Hilton Hotel.
27-28 Nov	Lexington, Ky.: Kentucky-Ohio Chapter (ASLA) Annual Meeting.

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● CONRAD L. WIRTH (F), director of the National Park Service, was keynote speaker at the National Conference of Forest Land Use in Washington on September 21. "We need to move forward on all fronts," Mr. Wirth told the conference, "and through every level of government to set aside open space--parks, recreation areas, and multiple use areas--to meet the pressings needs of our nation for this type of land use."

● WILLIAM W. WELLS (F), formerly chief of Louisiana State Parks, has been named assistant chief of State Park Coordination with the National Park Service in Washington. In his new capacity, he will work under SIDNEY S. KENNEDY (F), chief of State Park Coordination.

● MARVIN R. SPRINGER (M) and ROBERT F. FOELLER (M) of Springer & Foeller, Dallas landscape architects and planning consultants, again participated in the Institute on Planning and Zoning, held at the Southwestern Legal Foundation in Dallas, 26-28 October. On the three-day program were sessions on urban renewal, open space, the powers of a zoning adjustment board, industrial and community zoning and abatement of nonconforming uses. AARON LEVINE (M), executive director of the Citizens' Council on City Planning in Philadelphia, spoke to the group on "What Is the Citizen's Role in Planning?"

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● HARLAND BARTHOLOMEW & ASSOCIATES' Memphis Office has been moved to 1206 Exchange Bldg., Memphis 9. However, the firm announced that they would continue to maintain an office for interstate highway design at the former address, 188 Jefferson Avenue.

● LOOKING FOR A BETTER GROUND COVER? According to a recent article in LANDSCAPE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION magazine, crown vetch, a comparitively new botanical discovery, has the following attributes: Low establishment cost (7-10 cents per square yard); no mowing or maintenance; produces profusion of pink flowers from spring to fall; thrives in almost any soil throughout the U.S.; and chokes out all competing weeds. It's currently being used on difficult slopes by highway departments in several states. Supply of seed is still limited but is expected to boom in the near future.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ALABAMA, Mobile: Urban Renewal Planner. Qual.: Degree in land. arch., city plan., or arch. plus practical plan. exp. Salary: Open. Write to: Robert S. Bateman & Assoc., P. O. Box 6431, Mobile, Ala.

ARIZONA, Phoenix: Assistant Planning Director to assist in directing 38-member staff administering comp. planning program. Qual.: Degree in city plan., land. arch., arch. or c.e. plus est. adm. exp. in public planning. Salary: $9450-12,000. Age 30-55. Write to: Leroy J. Brenneman, Personnel Dir., 324 W. Washington, Phoenix 3.

CALIFORNIA, Culver City: Planner II. Qual.: Degree in plan., land. arch., arch., eng. or public adm. plus 2 yrs. exp. in prof. planning. Salary: $7596-9228. Apply by Dec. 1 to: Personnel Dept., City of Culver City, 9770 Culver Blvd., Culver City.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington: Landscape Architect (GS-9) for D.C. Recreation Dept. Work consists of design and adm. in playground const. and maint. Salary: $6435-7425. U.S. Civil Service status required. Write to: Benj. A. Orringer, 3149-16 St., N.W., Washington 10.

HAWAII, Honolulu: Parks Planning and Development Specialist for Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resources to plan develop state parks system. Qual.: Degree in land. arch., civil eng., planning or rel. field plus 3 yrs. tech. exp. in planning or designing parks and recreational areas or facilities. Salary: $7488-9096. Write to: Dept. of Personnel Services, 825 Mililani St., Honolulu 13.

NEBRASKA, Omaha: Senior Planner to execute comprehensive plans for midwestern communities with private firm. Qual.: Bachelor's degree in city plan., land. arch., or c.e., plus 3 yrs. exp. in analysing and prep. comprehensive plans. Salary: Open. Write to: Box 4, ASPO, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago 37, Ill.

NORTH CAROLINA, Raleigh: Landscape Architects (several openings) with or without exp. in private office with wide range of public and private work. Permanent positions. Salaries: To $8000, commensurate with ability. Write to: James B. Godwin & Associates, Landscape Architects & Planning Consultants, Box 384, Raleigh, N. C. (Tel.: TE 4-3864).

TEXAS, Galveston: Planning Director. Qual.: Master's degree in planning plus 2 yrs. exp. or degree in rel. field plus 4 yrs. exp. Zoning and subdivision exp. desired. Salary: $8000-10,000. Write to: R. E. Layton, City Mgr., City Hall, Galveston.

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